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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Sampson et al (U.S. 6,490,624).

2. As per claim 1,8 Sampson disclosed a method for controlling a plurality of communication sessions on a mobile terminal in a communication system, the method comprising: establishing a first communication session at the mobile terminal; sending a signaling message to the mobile terminal indicating a second communication session to be connected to the mobile terminal (col.3, lines 57-67); determining whether the second communication session is accepted and the first communication session is put on hold on the mobile terminal; and, if so, sending a policy management control message to a serving node associated with the mobile node (col. 18, lines 31-44), the policy management control message including instructions to intercept on the serving node a data flow associated with the first communication session, and further to use an existing air interface associated with the first communication session for communicating data associated with the second communication session (col. 18, lines 31-44).

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3. As per claims 2,9,14 Sampson disclosed a computer readable medium having stored therein instructions (col. 17, lines 57-65).
4. As per claims 3,15 Sampson disclosed wherein the data flow comprises a multimedia data flow (col. 18. lines 31-44).
5. As per claims 4,10,16 Sampson disclosed wherein the step of intercepting data flow associated with the first communication session comprises intercepting at a serving node the data flow associated with the first communication session (col.3, lines 57-67).
6. As per claims 5,17,21 Sampson disclosed wherein the serving node comprises a packet data serving node (PDSN) or gateway general packet radio service support node (GGSN) (col.17, lines 45-57).
7. As per claims 6,11 Sampson disclosed wherein the existing air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels and switching data flow associated with the second communication session to as existing air interface comprises using an existing communication channel associated with the first communication session for the data flow associated with the second communication session (col.3, lines 57-67).
8. As per claims 7,12 Sampson disclosed wherein the existing air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels and switching data flow associated with the first

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communication session; using a second communication session to an existing interface comprises: terminating a first communication channel associated with the first communication session (col.3, lines 57-67); using a second communication channel on the existing air interface for the data flow associated with the second communication session (col. 18, lines 41-44).

9. As per claim 13,18,22 Sampson disclosed a method for controlling a plurality of communication sessions on a mobile node, the method comprising: communicating data associated with a first communication session on the mobile node; receiving a first signaling message on the mobile node, the first signaling message indicating a second communication session to be connected to the mobile node (col. 10, lines 41-60); notifying a user of the mobile node about the second communication session, wherein the user is notified using an identifier selected on the mobile node based on a data type associated with the second communication session; determining if the second communication session is accepted by the user (col. 14, lines 24-49); if so sending a second signaling message from the mobile node, the second signaling message comprising instructions to put the first communication session on hold and activate the second communication session; intercepting a first data flow associated with the first communication session to the mobile node; and switching a second data flow associated with the second communication session to an air interface associated with the first communication session (col. 14, lines 43-67).

10. As per claim 19 Sampson disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the network device is configured to a terminate data

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communication associated with the first communication session to the mobile node and further to switch the second communication session to a communication channel associated with the first communication session (col.3, lines 57-67).

11. As per claims 20,26 Sampson disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the network device is configured to terminate a first communication channels associated with the first communication session and set up a second communication channel over the existing air interface for data communication associated with the second communication session (col. 9, lines 53-59).

12. As per claim 23 Sampson disclosed wherein the serving node comprises a packet data serving node (PDSN) or a gateway general packet radio service support node (GGSN), and the mobile node comprises a mobile node comprises a mobile router or a mobile client device (col.17, lines 45-57).

13. As per claim 24 Sampson disclosed wherein the air interface comprises a plurality of communication channels, and the serving node is configured to terminate a first communication channel associated with the first communication session and set up a second communication channel over the existing air interface (col. 18, lines 41-44).

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14. As per claim 25 Sampson disclosed wherein the serving node further configured to terminate communication of data associated with the first communication session (col. 16, lines 58-64).

Response to Arguments

15. Applicant's arguments filed 09/11/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Response to applicant's arguments is as follows.

A. Applicant argued that prior art did not disclose, "detection of communication session to be connected to the client device or determining if a communication session put on hold".

As to applicant's argument Sampson disclosed, "Session Manager determines that client is active and may interact with protected server to access its resources. However, if the session managers did not communicate with one another to update session information, Session Manager would determine that Client last contacted it more than 15 min ago and Idle time out error would occur (col. 14, lines 34-41).

Conclusion

16. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571)-272-3885.

18. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Cardone can be reached on (571)-272-3933. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner



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